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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
YUTAKA IKUSHIMA et al : EXAMINER: OH, TAYLOR V.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/659,821 :  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 11, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1623  
FOR: METHOD OF NOVEL  
NONCATALYTIC ORGANIC  
SYNTHESIS

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, the period for response having been extended to January 3, 2003, by a petition for extension of time filed herewith, please amend the application identified above as follows (marked-up copy of amendments attached):

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-2 as follows.

032 1. (Twice Amended) A method of non-catalytic organic synthesis in a reaction that proceeds using  $\text{OH}^-$ , which comprises performing said reaction in the absence of catalyst without addition of any basic catalyst in supercritical water or subcritical water of at least  $350^\circ\text{C}$  with a reaction time of 10-400 seconds, utilizing a supply of  $\text{OH}^-$  from said water.